

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (New) A spring assembly for a pressure gauge for connection to a pressure source, the spring assembly comprising:

a coiled hollow tube having a first end and a second end with a body portion therebetween, the hollow tube adapted to produce a displacement of the second end in response to a change in the pressure source to which the first end is connected;

the body portion having a substantially cylindrical portion extending from proximate the first end, a first longitudinal portion, and a second longitudinal portion extending from proximate the first longitudinal portion to the second end, the second longitudinal portion substantially uniformly compressed to reduce volume thereby;

a transition area defined by the region between the substantially cylindrical portion and the second longitudinal portion of the hollow tube, the transition area being compressed so as to form a continuous longitudinally extending ridge along the transition area; and

wherein the second end of the body portion is sealed.